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**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims without prejudice to pursuing the cancelled subject matter in a continuation application. As claims 73-80 were indicated allowable in the previous office action, and all the other claims have been cancelled, applicants respectfully request the issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 73-80.

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***Conclusion***

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If Examiner Steadman believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the undersigned respectfully requests that our deposit account 50-2821 be charged for any required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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